

Virginia Air Board
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Northern Va. Region
Dept. of Env. Quality

Dear Air Board,

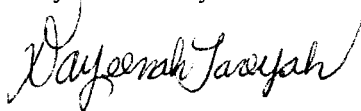
This letter is to express my support in favor of the stack merge permit for the Potomac River Generating Station. It appears to be a common sense solution to ensure that the best pollution control measures are in place while maintaining necessary electricity generation for the region. Not only would this solution serve to improve the air quality for the city of Alexandria but ensure that electricity needs continue to be met.

I have been a resident of the community for over 13 years now and don't want to see the plant close since it has been a vital part of this city for many, many years. The stack merge will not increase emissions and would allow the plant to continue to operate under strict environmental standards that it has maintained while adding the best engineering technique usually achieved by higher stacks. Also, unless something is done to prevent the plant from being placed in a situation of being shut down, the city will suffer from the types of rolling periodic blackouts common on the West Coast, if existing power plants are taken offline.

It is my request that the Virginia Air Board makes the decision to allow the Potomac River Generating Station to go forward with the stack merge permit. This permit is a solution that everyone can support since it will achieve the goal of the city which is cleaner air, and electricity generation to meet our needs now and for the future. It seems as though the city has wasted too much taxpayer money fighting a power plant that is in compliance with all environmental regulations. Our region's needs are too great to allow any power generation to go away, and this plan is a solution that we all can agree on so that the city can move on to other important issues.

Best,

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